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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON MEETING MARCH 5 (SALT TWO-926)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING I MADE FURTHER STATEMENT ON DATA EXCHANGE, MAKING SPECIFIC SUGGESTION FOR MEETING FOR CHIEFS OF DELEGATION "AT EARLIEST DATE CONVENIENT TO SOVIET DELEGATION" TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE FORM OF AN ACCORD ON SUBJECT, AGREEMENT ON CATEGORIES TO BE INCLUDED, HOW TO ARRIVE AT PERTINENT NUMBERS IN A TIMELY MANNER AND AGREEMENT ON NUMBERS THEMSELVES. I ALSO MADE STATEMENT PROPOSING AGREED STATEMENT ON LOCATIONS OF ICBM TEST RANGES.

2. KARPOV'S STATEMENT WAS IN SUPPORT OF THEIR FEBRUARY 9 PROPOSAL IN THE DRAFTING GROUP FOR HEAVY-BOMBER DEFINITION AND TABLED LANGUAGE FOR UNDERSTANDING ON MEANING OF "OPERATIONAL" IN PARA 1 OF ARTICLE VI IDENTICAL WITH U.S. PROPOSAL, EXCEPT FOR INSERTION OF EXEMPTION FOR TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS.

3. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIS STATEMENT ON BOMBER-DEFINITION TO SUPPORT OUR PROPOSAL

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ON DATA EXCHANGE, POINTING OUT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT WHICHEVER

HEAVY-BOMBER DEFINITION IS ADOPTED IT WILL NOT BE KNOWN
WHETHER THERE IS A COMMON VIEW ON THE NUMBERS HELD BY EACH
SIDE, UNLESS THERE IS PRIOR UNDERSTANDING ON THOSE NUMBERS.
WE HAVE OUR VIEW ON COUNT OF SOVIET BOMBERS, AS WELL AS SLBMS,
ICBMS AND HEAVY ICBMS, BUT WE HAVE NOW WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER
IT EVEN REMOTELY CORRESPONDS TO SOVIET COUNT OF THEIR OWN
SYSTEMS, AND SAME MAY WELL BE TRUE OF SOVIET VIEW OF OUR SYSTEMS.
THIS QUESTION WILL EVENTUALLY ARISE IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER, AND
IT IS BETTER THAT ANY DISCREPANCIES BE RESOLVED SOONER RATHER
THAN LATER. APART FROM OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, THIS QUESTION WOULD
UNDOUBTEDLY AND PROPERLY BE RAISED DURING RATIFICATION PROCESS.

4. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE THIS MEETING.

5. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, U.S. MISSION.
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